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Honorable Sidney H. Stein  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

**MEMO ENDORSED, p.2**


**Re: United States v. Luis Torres, 20 Cr. 220 (SHS)**

Dear Judge Stein:

A status conference is scheduled in this matter for December 9, 2020, at 2:30 p.m. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, I respectfully request on behalf of Luis Torres that the Court adjourn the status conference for approximately 60 days. Mr. Torres has been detained at the Metropolitan Correctional Center since his arrest and my access to him has been quite limited since the onset of the pandemic. Recent upticks in reported cases at the MCC have led to even tighter restrictions. This has substantially impaired my ability to review discovery with Mr. Torres, confer with him meaningfully, and engage in discussions with the Government regarding a possible pre-trial disposition. For these reasons, and so the parties can proceed safely given the COVID-19 health crisis, I request that the conference be adjourned and I consent to an exclusion of time under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §1361 until the newly scheduled conference date.

I have conferred with Assistant United States Attorney Jamie Bagliebter and, on behalf of the Government, she consents to this request.

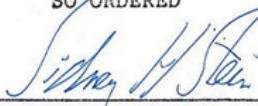
Respectfully submitted,

  
Gary G. Becker

cc: Jamie Bagliebter, Assistant United States Attorney

The conference is adjourned to February 10, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. The time is excluded from calculation under the Speedy Trial Act from today until February 10, 2021. The Court finds that the ends of justice served by this continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendants in a speedy trial pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3161(h)(7)(A).

Dated: New York, New York  
November 30, 2020

SO ORDERED  
  
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SIDNEY H. STEIN  
U.S.D.J.